

## HOUSE NAVY DEBATE ALMOST BOXING BOUT

Members Shake Fists in  
Controversy Over Where  
Harding Stands.

KELLEY IS BELLICOSE

Challenges Husted's State-  
ment That President De-  
sires 86,000 Personnel.

MONDELL JOINS ATTACK

Vigorous Campaign for 'Treaty  
Navy' Begun by Assistant  
Secretary Roosevelt.

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Bitterness marked the opening of the House debate to-day over the 1923 naval appropriations bill, which slashes the enlisted personnel of the American navy to two-thirds that of Great Britain and slightly less than that of Japan.

House leaders, irrespective of party, clashed on the question. Is the enlisted strength of the navy to be held to 67,000? This the Navy Department declares would put the United States in third rank as a naval power, in complete abandonment of the 5-5-3 ratio established at the recent Washington conference.

At times it seemed as if the leaders of the "big navy" and "little navy" groups would come to blows—particularly once, when Representative Patrick H. Kelley (Mich.), in charge of the appropriations bill, challenged a statement by Representative James W. Husted (N. Y.), one of the six members of the Appropriations Committee, which brought in a minority report, that President Harding favored the authorization of 86,000 enlisted men for the navy. The dispute that followed brought a dozen members to the floor shaking their fists.

**Source of Information Demands.**  
"By what authority do you say the President wants 86,000 enlisted men in the navy?" Representative Kelley demanded.

"That statement," Representative Husted declared, "has been appearing in the newspapers for some time and it has not been denied. I also have the information from other indirect sources."

"So newspaper articles are all you have to back up the statement?" said Mr. Kelley.

"No," Mr. Husted returned, "I told you I had the information from other indirect sources."

"Are you authorized to make the statement?" asked Mr. Kelley.

"I am stating," Mr. Husted continued, while several members of the House were up on the floor trying to gain recognition, "what I understand to be a fact."

Representative Frank W. Mondell, the Republican floor leader, lined up with the "little navy" advocates, and went to the aid of Mr. Kelley. At this point Representative William S. Vare (Pa.), one of the six minority members of the Appropriations Committee, appeared in front of Mr. Kelley.

**Vare Enters the Lists.**  
"That is a fact," Mr. Vare shouted. "The gentleman from New York is stating a fact when he says the President believes the enlisted strength of the navy should be 86,000."

"By what authority do you state that?"

"Upon my own authority," answered Mr. Vare. "I make the statement upon my honor as a member of this House."

The exchange, which was extremely

bitter and loud, continued for several minutes before orderly debate was resumed. It was typical of the clashes throughout the day. The debate is to be continued to-morrow, the House sitting as a committee of the whole with twelve hours allotted for debate.

**Department Starts Campaign.**  
The opening of the House debate also was the signal for a vigorous campaign begun by the Navy Department for the retention of what it terms a "treaty navy" with a personnel sufficient to keep the navy on a par with that of Great Britain.

Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, started the fight with an address to-night at the National Press Club, in which he declared the House bill gives to the American people a "lame duck navy."

Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, who attended the meeting, endorsed the Roosevelt statements.

The Navy Department's estimates that 96,000 enlisted men are necessary properly to man the American fleets were ridiculed by "little navy" members of the House, who attempted to show that when the navy had only between 60,000 and 65,000 men, before the war, there were more men on sea duty than at present. They directed their assault on the Navy Department's declaration that one man is required for duty ashore for every two on duty afloat, winding up with the declaration that the United States should set the example to the world in limiting armaments.

Representative Mondell asserted that the purpose of the bill was to carry out the sentiment of the people expressed in their approval of the work of the armaments conference, which promised curtailment of navies.

In opposition to this the "big navy" members, dropping the recommendation of the Navy Department for 96,000 enlisted men and centering upon the minority report for 86,000, declared that with this number the 5-5-3 ratio established at the conference would be destroyed. A reduction of personnel to 67,000, they said, would put the United States in third rank as a naval power, requiring the abandoning of not fewer than five of the eighteen battleships provided for the United States under the terms of the treaty.

**Kelley Leads Fight.**  
Representative Kelley assumed the leadership of the fight for the Appropriations Committee bill, insisting that the statement about what Great Britain is doing was the "same thing" as the work of fiction that have fallen within my observation within many a day.

"The fact is," he declared, "that Great Britain is doing the 'same thing' in her navy and that, taking into consideration every branch of American naval service, the United States is to have almost the 'same thing' as we have in 1916 eleven of the same ships that we are going to retain under the treaty."

Mr. Kelley said that the Navy Department to-day, with 96,000 men, has only 18,350 on the battleships.

Representative Husted, reminded Mr. Kelley that the latest reports show that Japan is preparing to retain 65,232 men for the Japanese navy.

"Oh, don't let people fool you about what Japan has announced," Mr. Kelley shouted. "There is no officer in the American navy who is able to point out any positive information about the intentions of Japan."

"When this Congress gets through with this appropriation bill there will be no intelligent man who follows public affairs in any nation in the world who will not be able to tell you approximately what the United States is deciding to do in the war of arms and navies. And let me say to you that I hope that what we decide to do will be an inspiration and at least one ray of hope to all mankind."

**Attack by Mondell.**  
Representative Mondell started off in defense of the bill by attacking the minority report because it attempted to quote the president.

"I would suggest," he said, "if I may without giving offense, that they stick in the future to the time honored custom of giving their own views."

"I would suggest," snapped Mr. Vare, "that the gentleman from Wyoming stick to such practices himself."

"One would suppose from some of the very remarkable statements that have been made solemnly and almost hysterically in high quarters that all is lost, even honor," Mr. Mondell said. "The claim is made that this bill only gives us a 2-1-5-3 navy. If this is true, then it is now a question of just a few thousand additional men. Instead of the 87,000 we should double that figure to 134,000. The figure demanded by those who make this claim would give them only a 2-1-5 or a 2-1-4 navy. They are curiously illogical."

## ENRIGHT CALLS OUT 5,000 CITIZENS FOR POLICE DUTY

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skilled in the game of burglary, and apparently wore gloves, for no fingerprints were found.

The investigation of the Taylor robbery was continued yesterday by East Sixty-seventh street station detectives, but no reports of progress were given out. Until Mr. Taylor himself returns from the South the extent of the robbery cannot be told. Neighbors have the impression not a great deal was taken.

Enright's instructions to Deputy Commissioner Wanamaker regarding the calling back into service of the 5,000 members of the reserve means that the force will gain cavalry and motor car brigades in addition to infantry. The Commissioner appeals to persons who own cars to devote them to the service of the city, and a similar request is made to horse owners. If a majority of the reserves respond, Enright will be able to add about 300 men to the night patrol force.

An order was issued yesterday in headquarters which transferred the six high power motor cars used by the six Deputy Police Commissioners to service for the Detective Bureau.

Under Capt. Anthony Howe, the motorcycle men who went on patrol duty last night made a continuous tour of the city, keeping an eye out for robbers and looking out also for traffic violations and seeing that foot members of the force were on the job.

A move to check crime in Manhattan was made yesterday by District Attorney Banton when he ordered ten parts of his courts to clear their calendars by April 17 to be ready to try 262 cases of robbery and violence.

The District Attorney has seven parts of the Court of General Sessions and three parts of the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court in which to try crimes of violence and felonies. Two additional parts of both General Sessions and of the Supreme Court were created recently to enable him to deal more adequately with his crowded calendars.

He pointed out that only about sixty of the 262 cases which will be called next Monday are bail cases. The majority of the accused have been awaiting trial in Tombs prison.

**Robberies of Yesterday.**  
There was the usual run of robberies reported yesterday. One that attracted particular attention was that in the home of the Republican leader of the Twenty-sixth Assembly district, Samuel Krulwich, at 48 West 115th street, where thieves got away with \$2,000 in clothing while the family were away.

Some question arose yesterday as to whether the Board of Aldermen will be able to provide all the \$1,200,000 necessary to pay the 1,132 additional policemen Enright is demanding. At a meeting of the Board of Estimate when Enright made his request the proposition was put forward that the men be paid from special revenue bonds, but there is an ironclad provision of the charter which forbids the issuance of more than \$2,000,000 of such bonds in any one year. Three months and ten days have passed and the Aldermen already have been called on to issue \$835,000, and before the finance committee there are requests pending for \$546,000. William T. Collins, Tammany leader of the Aldermen, said yesterday the board would do all it possibly could do and that if it was decided to pay the new policemen out of proceeds from special revenue bonds the board would be "broke" the remainder of the year so far as that source of income is concerned.

District Attorney Banton said yesterday he is investigating a story that former Assistant Corporation Counsel Harry Crane, accidentally shot to death in a pistol battle between policemen and men they were pursuing met his death by the gun of a detective shooting wildly. Banton said he was looking into the story told by Winifred H. Bur-

nett of 33 West Fifty-fifth street, that when she told detectives she had seen Crane fall and that she thought he had been struck by a bullet from the pistol of one of the detectives, they told her to mind her own business and go away. Chief Medical Examiner Norris said the bullet taken from Crane's body was a .28 caliber steel jacketed slug, but this proved nothing as both police and gunmen use different types of weapons.

A touch of humorous relief in the crime story of the day was found in the act of burglars in the home of Louis A. Cohen, assistant County Court clerk, at 969 Hoe avenue, the Bronx. While they were ransacking the place they observed a picture of County Judge Louis D. Gibbs hanging on the wall. Apparently disinclined to work under the eye of His Honor they turned the picture to the wall. Judge Gibbs is noted for the severity of his sentences in crimes of violence.

That the crime wave is not confined to New York city was noted yesterday when Assemblyman Pierre Depew of Rockland county appealed for more police protection in that county to Major George F. Chandler, Superintendent of the State Constabulary. Major Chandler took the matter up with Capt. John A. Warner, commanding Troop K of the constabulary. Crime has run high there since James Moore and Siegfried Butts, employees of the First National Bank of Pearl River, were shot dead by a bandit who tried to rob the bank.

Three men, one of them wounded and concealed in a potato sack, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having held up and robbed Tony Renall, proprietor of a saloon at 231 West street. They are Michael Swift, 28, of 6 Renwick street; Angelo Spasato, 23, of 565 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn; and John Drinane, of 69 Charlton street.

Detectives Collins and Londrigan accosted Spasato and Drinane as they were carrying an unwieldy sack from a peddler's cart into 6 Renwick street. Swift was in the sack. The police say he had been shot twice by Renall in holding up the saloon. The loot from the cash register totaled \$90. The three prisoners were held under \$10,000 bail each by Magistrate Max S. Levine in Tombs Court.

Patrolman Michael Foley of the Bathgate avenue station was attacked by a dozen thugs when he had to move on near Bronx Park East, 151st street and Boston road. The assailants threw stones and bricks and then rushed the policeman. Patrolman Pepper ran to his fellow officer's aid. When he had driven off the gang he found Foley had clung fast to one of them, Joseph Catalbo, 18, of 2153 Belmont avenue, The Bronx, who was placed under arrest. Another member of the same gang, Dominick Pagliocca, 25, of 2384 Belmont avenue, was also arrested. Each was held in \$2,000 bail by Magistrate Douglas in West Farms Court. Foley suffered a fracture of the left arm.

Cash and jewelry valued at \$250 were found in the possession of Ferdinand Magellan, 23, of 311 West Fifty-fifth street, arrested in an apartment at 154 West Forty-fourth street.

**Victim Thrown Into Taxi.**  
William Lenahan, an engineer living at a Broadway hotel, was held up and robbed near the West Twenty-third street ferry by two men who struck him and threw him into a taxicab. They got a gold watch and chain, a stickpin and \$30 in cash. Two hours later David Greene, 30, of 69 Eighth avenue, was special revenue bonds the board would be "broke" the remainder of the year so far as that source of income is concerned.

Fourteen negroes were rounded up as suspects in a series of holdups of retail collectors and traveling salesmen in Harlem. The arrests were made by Detectives Butler and Vacchuda of the West 135th street station. All have been detained for further examination.

William Covert, 18, of 420 East Sev-

enteenth street, was arrested near Eighteenth street and Second avenue by Patrolman James Curran of the East Twenty-second street station. He was held without bail by Magistrate Peter A. Hattling in Yorkville Court charged with assaulting and robbing George Barry of 205 East Thirty-fifth street.

Patrolman William Harrison of the Butler street station, Brooklyn, died last night in Long Island College Hospital. Harrison suffered a fractured skull Sunday morning in attempting to break up a crowd that had collected on a street corner. Louis Carbone, 31, of 12 Luquer street, Brooklyn, was arrested and held to await result of the patrolman's injuries.

John Francis Waters, 20, of 4845 Ashland avenue, Richmond Hill, who has already served two terms in Elmira, was sentenced yesterday to ten years in Sing Sing by County Judge Humphreys in Long Island City. He pleaded guilty to the burglary of the home of Augustus Licking at Kew Gardens on February 16.

Magistrate Elliprin in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, sentenced Joseph Maher of 225 Kingsland avenue and Charles Hulse of 225 Eckford avenue, to fifteen days in the workhouse for telling Patrolman William Malkus of the Ralph avenue station to "go to hell."

**TWO SAFES CRACKED;  
ONE DRAGGED TO CELLAR**  
Brooklyn Yeggs Get More Than \$3,000 in Haul.

Safe blowers got approximately \$3,000 from a safe in the Beck-Hazard, Inc., shoe store at 4170 Brandegee avenue, Brooklyn, between early Sunday and yesterday morning. The safe, weighing almost half a ton, was rolled down the front to the rear of the store and dragged down a flight of stairs to the cellar. Despite this racket nobody was aroused—not even a policeman—and the robbers proceeded with the work of ripping the combination off and the entire back of the safe—the latter with the aid of nitroglycerin.

Simon Stern, manager of the store, discovered the robbery when he opened yesterday for business. At the same time Marie Levenstein, manager of another of the corporation's stores at 1422 Broadway, Brooklyn, was making a similar discovery. The safe in the latter store was equally as bulky as the one in Stern's branch, but the robbers did not find it necessary to remove it to the cellar. They ripped the door off just where it stood and removed the money, about \$100.

Detectives investigating both robberies are wondering whether the same robbers visited both stores. The branches are a considerable distance apart and each "job" must have taken several hours.

**PRISONER LIMITS JURY  
TO DRY LAW OPPONENTS**  
Thomas Flannagan, about to be tried before Judge Mulcahey in General Sessions yesterday charged with holding up and robbing a cashier of the Horton Ice Cream Company of \$21,000 last July, turned to his counsel, Eugene McGee, and said:

"Ask each juror if he believes in the Eighteenth Amendment. If he does, discard him."

Of the first twelve men in the box only one professed to siding with the prohibition law, and he was quickly displaced. It was understood that the defendant believes William McQuaid, Assistant District Attorney, prosecuting, will endeavor to show that the defendant formerly was connected with bootlegging operations.

Flannagan was arrested recently as a suspect in a murder and robbery in the

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